

TEXTILE DESIGN

COURSE OVERVIEW

Textile Design is a creative course that will inspire all budding designers. You can demonstrate your creative passion through a full range of techniques and ideas inspired by artists, textile and fashion designers. You will be working with an arrangement of different disciplines embracing both contemporary and traditional technologies.

In Year 10 you will be developing your skills in research; exploring the work of artists, designers and traditional cultural techniques to help shape your ideas. You will learn how to develop your illustrations and how to translate these into textile pieces for fashion, accessories or interior textiles. You will be encouraged to experiment with many embellishment and construction skills. In Year 11 you be developing and completing your final practical piece and then will move onto a new project, the theme of which is set by the exam board.

KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS DEVELOPED

Unit 1: (60% of grade) - Personal Portfolio in Textiles/Fashion Design – You will produce one substantial portfolio of work for a given theme plus additional pieces of work; these projects could be either Fashion based or surface Textiles. In the projects you will research around the theme, undertake experiments trialling various techniques, refine and develop your ideas and then produce a final piece for fashion, accessories or interiors.

Unit Two: (40% of grade) Practical examination. Externally Set Assignment in Art Textiles and Fashion. The externally set assignment represents the culmination of the GCSE course in Year 11. The aim is to encourage students to take increasing responsibility for their work and to work more independently. The exam will consist of 10 hours under supervision to produce a personalised response.

You will develop your research skills, confidence, independence and resourcefulness. This subject will also develop your critical thinking, project management and attention to detail. These abilities will make you a strong candidate for careers both within and outside of textiles/fashion/design, including marketing, business management and retail.

Qualification: **GCSE**

Awarding Body: **AQA**

ASSESSMENT METHOD

60% Component 1 (continuous coursework), 40% Component 2 (with a 10-hour practical exam)

POST 16 OPPORTUNITIES AND CAREERS

This course prepares students to move onto A-Level Textiles at Kimberley College.

Through the practical and theoretical components textile design and at A level the technology side, the courses will teach you how to channel your creative energy in productive ways.

After A level studies past students have progressed to higher education courses in Fashion Buying, Fashion/Textile/Costume/Product design, Clothing/Textiles Technology, Interior Design and Fashion Marketing. Many of our students have progressed to study Textiles/Fashion design and/or business related courses at University.



'I enjoy textiles because I like the freedom, we are given to create whatever we wish around a certain theme with guidance from our teachers. I also find it a very fun subject as it is less based around tests and more coursework driven'.

